GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City – Detention of Sri Peddisetty Roopesh, S/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste, R/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 336 **Dated: 22-04-2025**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated:08.10.2018.
2. From the Home Department through e-office file bearing no.HOM01/123/2025-LEGAL-I, along with letter of the Commissioner of Police& Additional District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, Lr.No.8748/MC-III/PIT-NDPS Act/ 2024, dt.21.01.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City has reported that adverting to the above subject, the Inspector of Police, IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City has placed before the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Peddisetty Roopesh, S/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste, R/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (herein after referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPSAct,1988). The residence of the detenue falls within the limits of IV Town PS of Visakhapatnam City and the following are the details in the report.

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit cannabis trafficking and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of neighboring Districts to the Visakhapatnam city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in the territorial jurisdiction of Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City and its neighboring districts. Further, it is to be noted that the detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Peddisetty Roopesh, S/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste, R/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport, and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Peddisetty Roopesh, S/o late Narayana, 25yrs, along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students and in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec. 2 (e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988, and his actions are prejudicial to the public health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Peddisetty Roopesh, S/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste, R/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in Visakhapatnam City. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic SubstancesAct,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S.No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Ganja Seized (in Kg's)	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.107/2021 u/s 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 r/w 8(c) of NDPS Act of Payakaraopeta PS, Anakapalli District.	700 Kgs	Under Investigation
2.	Cr.No.337/2022 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(c) of Pendurthi PS, Visakhapatnam City.	2.5 Kg	Pending trial
3.	Cr.No.94/2024 u/s 307, 120-b r/w 34 IPC & Sec.27 of Arms Act & Sec.20(b)(ii)(C), 25 r/w 8(c) of IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City.	22 Kg	Under Investigation

GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

1. **Cr.No.107/2021 u/s 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 r/w 8(c) of NDPS Act ofPayakaraopeta PS, Anakapalli District**:- This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs (Ganja) that occurred on 19.03.2021 at 15.00hrs, on NH-16 road at P.L.Puram, Payakaraopeta mandal, Visakhapatnam (present lies in Anakapalli district) and reported on same day at 18.30hrs. Wherein SI of Police on receiving of credible information, he along with his staff viz. ASI-1321, HC-1025, PCs 2174, 499,HGs 292, 235 rushed to the spot and conducted vehicle

checking in the presence of mediators, caught the accused viz. 1) Nemala Srinivasa Rao s/o Nagaraju, 45yrs r/o Santhigiri colony, Opp. Gajuwaka Bus Depo., Visakhapatnam N/o Pillavari Thota veedhi, Chodavaram, Anakapalli, 2) Kantamreddi Durgi Naidu s/o Durgi Naidu, 45yrs r/o Avarajam village, Atchutapuram mandal, Anakapalli district, 3) Mohammad Ashraf Ali Khan s/o Mohammad Ali Khan, 47yrs r/o APHB Colony, Pedagantyada, Visakhapatnam, 4) Golagani Appala Naidu s/o Kollayya, 28yrs r/o Gokivanipalem village, Kasimkota mandal, Anakapalli district N/o Chinnamallam village, Butchayyapeta mandal, Anakapalli district redhandedly while they were proceeding in Oil Tanker bearing Regd. No.AP16-TV-6435 and transporting ganja weighing about 700 kgs illegally, seized the oil tanker and ganja under cover of mediator's report.

The seized samples were sent to REL, obtained REL Report and also inventory was completed. The Present the case is under investigation for apprehension of remaining accused.

2. **Cr.No.337/2022 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(c) of Pendurthi Police Station**:- This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of ganja that occurred on 20.05.2022 at 07.00hrs, at Bhashyam School junction Ravi Nagar, Naiduthota, Pendurthi and reported on same day at 09.45hrs. Where in SI/PDT B.Ganesh & SI/CTF Ch.Vasu Naidu received credible information about illegal transportation of ganja and rushed to the spot along with staff & mediators. While conducting vehicle checking, the accused A-1:Barru Prem Swaroop @ Bobby, A-2:Gummadi Karthik, A-3:Chinthalapudi Srinu @ Don Srinu, A-4:Peddisetty Roopesh, A-5:Inti Venu Prasad, A-6:Kona Sathish Kumar in car bearing Regd. No.AP31-EV-2600 with the possession of 2.5 kgs of ganja in 2 packets (2kgs & 0.5kg) stopped & taking reverse on seeing the police and caught by police under cover of mediators report.

The seized samples were sent to REL, obtained REL Report and also inventory was completed. The present stage of this case was charge sheet was filed and obtained NSC. No: 531/2022 and the case is pending trail.

3. **Cr.No.94/2024 u/s 307, 120-b r/w 34 IPC & Sec.27 of Arms Act and Sec.20(b)(ii)(C), 25 r/w 8(c) of IV Town PS**: - This is a case of attempt to commit murder coupled with illegal transportation/possession of ganja in contravention to the provisions of NDPS Act, 1985 by carrying a deadly weapons in contravention to the provisions of Arms Act. In this case, the accused Peddisetty Roopesh invoved as accused A-1. In this case, A-1/Peddisetti Roopesh and nine (9) other accused were also arrested by the Inspector of Police, IV Town Police Station and sent them for judicial custody.

The seized samples were sent to REL, obtained REL Report and also inventory was completed. Present the case is under investigation for persecution orders.

5. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act,1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health. Thus, he is acting as prejudicial to the maintenance of the public health.

6. Besides involvement of above cases, Peddisetty Roopesh s/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste r/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam has an ample criminal history and involved in as many as 19 other criminal cases like Rape, Attempt to commit murder, Robberies, Extortion, Thefts, Snatchings, House Burglary, Property mischief, Bodily offences, Criminal intimidation etc., in the limits of several police stations of Visakhapatnam City which are as follows:-

S. No	Cr.No. & Sec of Law	Name of PS & District	Present Stage
1.	445/2013 u/s 341, 323, 506, 427 IPC	II Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case was acquitted on 09.08.2017
2.	749/2014 u/s 392 IPC	P.M.Palem PS, Visakhapatnam City	Acquitted on 18.07.2017
3.	180/2015 u/s 41-A Cr.P.C	MVP PS, Visakhapatnam City	Bounded over for good behavior
4.	49/2016 u/s 395 IPC	Harbour PS, Visakhapatnam City	PT vide SC No.185/2018
5.	135/2016 u/s 379 IPC	IV Town Crime PS, Visakhapatnam City	Compromized in Lok-Adalat
6.	180/2016 u/s 379 IPC	IV Town Crime PS, Visakhapatnam City	Compromized in Lok-Adalat on DT:15.11.2022.
7	60/2017 u/s 382 IPC	Dwaraka Crime PS, Visakhapatnam City	Acquitted on 02.12.2022
8.	341/2017 u/s 382 IPC	Duvvada PS, Visakhapatnam City	Acquitted
9.	682/2017 u/s 454, 380 IPC	Gajuwaka PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case was convicted for 03 moths.
10.	835/2018 u/s 382 IPC	Pendurthi PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case is in PT vide SC.No: 1033/2019.
11.	84/2020 u/s 109 Cr.P.C	IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	Bounded over for good behavior
12.	279/2020 u/s 188, 269 IPC	IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	Convicted for fine of Rs.1600/- and imposed fine of Rs.400/- for each accused by the Hon'ble V special Magisrate court, vide STC No.345/2021
13.	421/2020 u/s 107 Cr.P.C	IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	Bounded over for good behavior
14.	90/2021 u/s 509, 506 IPC	IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case is in PT vide CC No.2419/2021 in the Hon'ble I ACMM Court.
15.	208/2021 u/s 382, 341, 324, 323 r/w 34 IPC	IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case was acquitted on 31.01.2023 vide CC.No.3964/2021
16.	479/2021 u/s 307, 323 r/w 34 IPC	III Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case is in PT vide PRC No.66/2022 in the Hon'ble IV ACMM Court.
17.	07/2022 u/s 324 r/w 34 IPC	IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case in PT vide CC No.4553/2022
18.	283/2022 u/s 307, 324, 323 r/w 34 IPC	IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case is in PT vide PRC No.161/2022 & SC No.37/2023

19.	63/2024 u/s 376, 354-D, 324, 506 IPC & Sec.5(l) r/w 6 of POCSO Act 2012 & Sec.3(2)(v) of SC/ST Act	M.R.Peta PS, Visakhapatnam City	The case is being charged.

7. Peddisetty Roopesh is a habitual offender and frequently/repeatedly involving in criminal cases, for which Rowdy Sheet (No.03/2021) was opened against him at IV Town PS, Visakhapatnam City and maintaining since 30-08-2021 to curb his criminal activities. He was greaded as an "Active" Rowdy Sheeter. He also involving in transportation, possession and trading of Ganja. Despite of several warnings, he did not mend his behaviour and continuing his criminal activities and disturbing the peace and public tranquillity. He has been creating terror in the minds of public and thereby disturbing peace and tranquility in the City. The Rowdy Sheeter is promoting gang culture and tarnishing the reputation of Visakhapatnam City which is earmarked as a peaceful City.

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading of the detenue Sri Peddisetty Roopesh s/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste r/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

9. It is evident that Sri Peddisetty Roopesh s/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste r/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detenue and his associates is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including murder, robbery and Bodily Offence so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detenue under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Visakhapatnam and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

11. The offenders repeatedly resort to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms.No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Peddisetty Roopesh s/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste r/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988.

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Peddisetty Roopesh s/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste r/o 44-34-65/A, Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make are presentation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.

Copy to:

Sri Peddisetty Roopesh s/o late Narayana, 25yrs, kapu by caste r/o 44-34-65/A,Nandagiri Nagar, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh(Through the Inspector of Police, IV Town P.S., Visakhapatnam City.)

The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan,Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.

The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City.

The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.

The Inspector of Police, IV Town P.S., Visakhapatnam City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).

The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.

The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.

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